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'95 Regional Conference to be held in November

"Putting the Birds Back in Audubon," the 1995 West Central Regional Conference, will be held at the Holiday Inn in Olathe, Kansas, November 2-5 and is hosted by the Burroughs Audubon Society of Greater Kansas City.

Friday and Saturday workshops and seminars have been designed around meeting your needs for growing chapters, involving volunteers and keeping the fun in Audubon. They will include such topics as fundraising, education for children and adults, managing chapter finances, birds and habitats of the Missouri River, neotropical migrants, and National Audubon's strategic plan.

To further the "bird" theme, we've also lined up some great dinner speakers. Peter Stangel directs the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Initiative and has been heralded as an inspiring and motivational speaker. And our appropriately named new president, John Flicker, will provide the program for Saturday night's dinner.

We hope you'll be able to join us for some fun birding outings, including full day trips on Thursday to Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge; to the Z Bar (Spring Hill) Ranch, proposed site of the future Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve; or to the Four Rivers Conservation Area, a restored wetland project. Sunday's field trips will include 1/2 day trips to Lake Perry Reservoir or to the KU Museum of Natural History and the Baker Wetlands.

The conference will also provide opportunities for local chapters to earn cold, hard cash by selling their own items at the conference Bird Shop. For information, contact Jim Hibbert at the Wild Bird Center, (913) 381-5633. For hotel reservations, contact 800-833-6632 and ask for Audubon

rates (\$62/night--double occupancy). Make reservations by October 15 to obtain this rate. The hotel (west of the highway) is located at 151st St. and I-35, exit 215.

For registration and field trip reservation forms, please contact Mary Lou Miller, H# 389-3969.

St. Louis Audubon Sponsors October Events

St. Louis Audubon is sponsoring a special presentation by Dale Delaney as part of its membership meeting on October 19 at Powder Valley Nature Center and has a field trip scheduled to the Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge near Annada, Missouri, on October 22.

Dale's presentation, "Neotropical Rain Forests & More . . . a Mecca for Birders," will be presented at 7 pm and is open to the public. Dale is a recognized field ornithologist and a specialist on the birds of Central and South America. For over a decade, he has been leading professional birding tours on a full-time basis throughout the Western Hemisphere.

During the course of his slide presentation, Dale will define the Neotropics, discuss a variety of habitat types, and provide a brief overview of representative flora and fauna. He will conclude with a short sampler of avian vocalizations using taped recordings.

Audubon's field trip to the Mark Twain Refuge will be led by Refuge Operations Specialist Beatrix Treiterer, who will show the group several different areas during the day trip. Participants should meet at the Harley Hotel parking lot near Earth City at 7 am to car pool to the refuge.

Check the upcoming events section on page 3 for more details on both of these events.

Still Time to Submit Newsletter Name Suggestions

In the August newsletter, St. Louis Audubon initiated a name-our-newsletter contest. Members have sent in a number of very interesting and unique possibilities, but remember--you still have until the **deadline of October 31** to enter your suggestion.

Submit your creative name for Audubon's newsletter to the editor--Karen Tylka, 3155 Frisco Hill Rd., Imperial, MO 63052. Send your suggestion on a postcard or in a short note, and be certain to include your name, address, and phone number.

A committee of several members will determine the best name for St. Louis Audubon's newsletter. And a prize will be awarded--a nature print, matted and ready to frame, donated by Rex Schmidt.

The winner will be announced in December's newsletter, and we hope to have the new name in use by then. Thank you for your input!

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From Your President

by Mary Lou Miller

Update on Local Strategic Planning

On September 19, St. Louis Audubon's strategic planning committee resumed meeting this fall to review our old 5-year strategic plan and to draft a new plan for the next 5 years. In this planning process, we start out by analyzing *our* past goals and objectives and comparing these to the newly formulated *national* goals and objectives.

Then we expect to retune objectives to adapt to changing opportunities. Finally, we will attempt to make chapter priorities.

This committee is really the basic core of our organization and looks at all aspects of each activity we do, discusses options, and will make recommendations to our board of directors in the form of a new strategic plan for the next 5 years.

This process will probably take all of this year and conclude some time next spring. We meet every third Tuesday of the month (except December, May, June, July, and August) at our 325 North Kirkwood office, from 7:30 to 9:30 pm sharp.

We encourage anyone who is interested in setting our course to come to these meetings. Individuals must be committed to meeting once a month for the entire planning period, but I think you will find this committee to be most interesting and enlightening. If you would like to join this group, please call Dave Tylka, strategic planning chairperson, H# 942-3142.

Get to Know . . .

Jim Holsen

(This is the seventh of a series of articles written about and by St. Louis Audubon board members themselves so that all our membership can be better acquainted with our decision makers on the board.)

My interests in birding go back to my school days when I recall getting up at dawn to scout the wooded areas where I grew up in Kirkwood. My wife, Margot, is a practiced birder, so this activity continues to be a focus for many hours together.

After the end of World War II, I completed my academic studies and joined the faculty of Washington University in the Department of Chemical Engineering. During those cold war years, Washington University participated in a consortium organized to assist the faculty of engineering at Kabul University in Afghanistan. Recalling Kipling's stories of the Khyber pass, I volunteered to help represent Washington University in Kabul. Two tours of duty provided an opportunity to drive extensively through India, Pakistan, and Iran, as well as into the more remote regions of Afghanistan.

In the late 1970's I was asked to work with the Astronautics Company at McDonnell Douglas, where I had earlier served as a consultant. When I retired 3 years ago, I was manager for several programs dealing with satellite structures and sensors.

Several years ago Paul Bauer, then president of St. Louis Audubon, asked me to serve on the Audubon board of directors. This association has given me a unique opportunity to study and speak out on environmental issues. These have included the proposed Page Avenue Extension, the ecological restoration of floodplains on the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers, the preservation of the unique wildlife habitat in our central Missouri Ozarks, Forest Park, and, in recent months, a study of pesticides in our drinking water and the threat to Washington University's Tyson Research Center.

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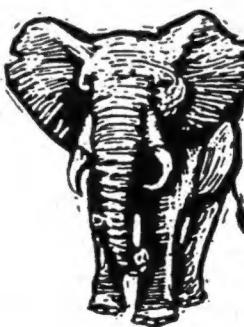


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UPCOMING EVENTS

Audubon Bird Walks

Bring binoculars, bird field guide, & dress for field conditions & weather. Coaching & instruction for all levels. Call leader for confirmation & more information.

Busch Wildlife Area -- Sunday, October 8, at 8 am. In St. Charles County. Take Hwy 94 south of US 40, 1 mile to a right on Hwy D. Go 1.5 miles to entrance on right. Pass through HQ area & gate to Hampton Lake parking lot. Leader: Jim Malone, H# 536-1119.

Busch Wildlife Area -- Saturday, October 21, at 8 am. Bring picnic lunch! See directions in above entry. Leaders: Paul Bauer (H# 921-3972) & Father Lawrence Asma (H# 389-4394).

Busch Wildlife Area -- Sunday, November 5, at 8 am. See directions in 1st Busch entry. Leader: Jim Malone, H# 536-1119.

Busch Wildlife Area -- Saturday, November 18, at 8 am. See directions in 1st Busch entry. Leaders: Dave Pierce (H# 434-1651) & Blaine Ulmer (H# 966-5425).

Riverlands/Horseshoe Lake -- Sunday, December 10, at 8 am. Riverlands is in St. Charles Co. near Alton, IL. Take Hwy 367 north of I-270, across Missouri River to right on last road before Mississippi River. Go east from gas station; turn right on gravel road to Teal Pond parking lot. To reach Horseshoe Lake, take I-55/70 east of St. Louis to north on Hwy 111. Go through park entrance to concession stand. Leader: Jim Malone, H# 536-1119.

Audubon-Related Activities

St. Louis Audubon Membership Meeting & Program -- Thursday, October 19, 7 pm, at Powder Valley Nature Center. Dale Delaney of Delaney EcoTours, Ltd. will present program: "Neotropical Rain Forests & More . . . a Mecca for Birders." Pro-

gram is open to the public. Powder Valley is located at 11715 Cragwold Rd., accessible from Geyer Rd., just north of I-44 & I-270 intersection.

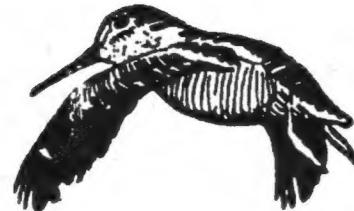
Field Trip to Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge -- Sunday, October 22. Meet at 7 am at Harley Hotel parking lot to car pool for 1-hour drive to refuge. Take I-70 west to Earth City exit. Bring sack lunch. Guide Beatrix Treiterer will show us several different areas. For more info., call Mary Lou Miller, H# 389-3969.

Bird Seed Sale -- Saturday, October 28, at Wild Bird Center, 9815 Watson Road in Crestwood, 10 am to 3 pm. For more info. & order form, see page 5 of this newsletter.

West Central Regional Audubon Conference -- Thursday through Sunday, November 2 - 5, at Holiday Inn in Olathe, KS. Theme is "Putting the Birds Back in Audubon." For registration & field trip forms, call Mary Lou Miller, H# 389-3969. (See related article on page 1.)

Booth Training Open House -- Wednesday, November 8, at 325 North Kirkwood office, 7:30 pm. Intended for those who have worked in St. Louis Audubon's information booth & for those interested in doing so in the future. For more info., call Mary Smith, H# 949-7871.

Holiday Open House with WGNSS -- Sunday, December 10, 1 to 4 pm. Location to be determined. For more details, call Howard Adams, H# 821-5160.



Special Events

Autumn Days Fall Foliage Walks -- Saturday & Sunday, October 14 & 15, at Babler Memorial State Park, starting at 1:30 pm both days. Naturalist-led, free program. Reservations required & accepted beginning September 30; call (314) 458-3813.

Day in the Forest -- Sunday, October 15, at Rockwoods Reservation from 12:30 to 4:30 pm. Sponsored by Missouri Conservation Department. Learn about forest animals, plants, & products by visiting ongoing stations. No reservations required. For more info., call 458-2236.

World Ecology Day -- Friday, October 20, at University of MO-St. Louis, 8:30 am to 2 pm. For more info., call International Center for Tropical Ecology, 516-5442.

World Bird Sanctuary Open House -- Saturday & Sunday, October 21 & 22, 10 am to 5 pm. At Tyson Research Center off I-44 at Antire/Beaumont exit. For more info., call 938-6193.

Ticks & Lyme Disease -- Wednesday, October 25, at the Living World of St. Louis Zoo, 7:30 to 9 pm. Science Seminar Series co-sponsored by St. Louis Zoo & Monsanto Chapter of Sigma Xi. Talk given by Dr. Dorothy Feir, Biology Dept. at St. Louis University. Free parking in Zoo's north lot. Adults, teachers, secondary students, & public invited at no charge. For more info., call Jim Jordan, 781-0900, ext. 340.

The Human Genome Project -- Wednesday, November 29, at the Living World of St. Louis Zoo, 7:30 to 9 pm. Science Seminar Series co-sponsored by St. Louis Zoo & Monsanto Chapter of Sigma Xi. Talk given by Dr. Helen Donnis-Keller, Genetics Dept., Washington University. Free parking in Zoo's north lot. Adults, teachers, secondary students, & public invited at no charge. For more info., call Jim Jordan, 781-0900, ext. 340.

The Conservation Corner

Audubon has New Presence in Jefferson City

by Jim Holsen

Callison Established Audubon Reputation

After he retired in 1977 as executive vice president of the National Audubon Society, Charlie Callison returned to Jefferson City where he served as "legislative coordinator" for the Missouri Audubon Council. (The Council represents all Missouri Audubon Societies.) The Missouri Audubon Council was extremely fortunate in those days.

Charlie brought with him the best of credentials as a conservationist--it had been during his tenure that National Audubon grew to be the effective organization that we know today. He is credited with changing the society "from an organization of 50,000 birdwatchers to a force of 400,000 environmental activists." In the 1940's he had been an early editor of the *Missouri Conservationist*, the publication of the Missouri Department of Conservation.

I did not have the good fortune to meet Charlie Callison face to face, but I did talk with him on the phone on several occasions as we discussed forestry programs in the Ozarks. I recall being particularly pleased when he copied and circulated one of the statements I had written. But it was only later that I came to realize how effective he had been as a lobbyist for Audubon--and, indeed, how effective a good lobbyist can be.

Charlie was respected by legislators and state officials alike. Managers in the Departments of Natural Resources (DNR) and Conservation called upon him to push their favorite programs through an unpredictable legislature, and legislators counted on him for a balanced presentation of the issues. In those days the Audubon name was a familiar one to those who worked under the dome of the Capitol building in Jefferson City.

That era ended with Charlie's death in early 1993. Since then the only

environmentalists active in Jefferson City have been with the Conservation Federation of Missouri and the Sierra Club, although the Missouri Coalition for the Environment follows most issues closely from St. Louis.

Two Lobbyists Now Represent Audubon in Jefferson City

This spring the Missouri Audubon Council was once again active in Jefferson City politics. With help from the National Audubon Society, 2 lobbyists, Scott Penman and David Winton, now represent Audubon's interests in state legislation. Anita Randolph, president of the Audubon Council, says that Audubon is regaining the respect that it enjoyed a few years ago under Charlie Callison.

Anita writes that "positive comments came from the Department of Natural Resources staff and from other environmental groups, who appreciated the presence of Audubon as another voice on behalf of conservation and the environment in the Capitol. It also became clear that some legislators were seeking out Audubon's position on legislation and amendments as bills moved through the legislative process."

Joint Resolution to Renew Parks and Soils Tax Fails

Probably the most important environmental legislation before the Missouri legislature last spring was House Joint Resolution (HJR) 18 to place a constitutional amendment before the voters to continue the 1/10 of 1 percent sales tax that supports our state parks and soils conservation program. This joint resolution died in the Senate.

Legislation authorizing the tax does not expire until the fall of 1998, but supporters wanted to ensure voter approval for reauthorization of the tax well before that date to avoid any interruption in funding. Anticipating problems in the legislature, over a year ago citizens' groups made plans to place an initiative petition on the

ballot. Those plans are now going forward.

A rural/urban split among lawmakers proved far too divisive for supporters to overcome. Rural legislators complained that most visitors to the state parks came from St. Louis and other cities. Urban legislators wanted to spend much of the tax revenue for stormwater control and for urban parks, such as Forest Park. One alternative bill would have merged DNR's division of state parks into the Department of Conservation.

Audubon Sees Victories in Other Bills

A major Audubon success was the failure of House Bill (HB) 338 that would have given companies that conducted a voluntary audit of their compliance with environmental regulations the right to keep the results of that audit confidential from courts, the public, and DNR, making public accountability difficult. Environmental groups, including Audubon, convinced the sponsors of the bill's danger, and ultimately they agreed to let it die. Audubon lobbyists Penman and Winton were instrumental in this effort.

HB 81 to prohibit the sale of mercuric oxide batteries and some other batteries containing mercury passed easily this year. This bill, which has been before the legislature several times, had the support of major battery manufacturers who wanted all manufacturers to comply with the same rules. Audubon worked with legislators for passage of this bill.

Senate Bill (SB) 143 would have required DNR to carry out a laborious risk/benefit analysis for proposed environmental regulations. It would have made it difficult to put any new environmental regulations in place. This bill passed a Senate committee but was not considered further.

SB 239 was a classical "takings" bill that would have allowed property owners to sue the state if any law, regulation, or ordinance limited or infringed upon the owner's use of his property. Target as extremely onerous legislation by the Audubon Council, this bill did not get beyond the Senate committee that considered it.

This was not a banner year for environmental legislation in Jefferson City. We will soon be learning what is in store for next spring.



THE ST. LOUIS AUDUBON SOCIETY FALL BIRD SEED SALE



Saturday, OCTOBER 28, 10 am to 3 pm
WILD BIRD CENTER
9815 Watson Road in Crestwood

The St. Louis Audubon Society is again conducting a bird seed sale to benefit the chapter's conservation and education programs. Get your winter's supply of bird seed from St. Louis Audubon--encourage your friends, neighbors, and relatives to make orders, also.

This year 4 different seed types are available: 25-lb. and 50-lb. bags of black oil-type sunflower seed, 25-lb. and 50-lb. bags of premium mix bird seed, 10-lb. bags of thistle/niger seed, and 25-lb. and 50-lb. bags of safflower seed.

To order, please complete the order form below. You will need to pick up your bird seed on **October 28** at the **Wild Bird Center** between **10 am and 3 pm**, or your seed will be forfeited and resold. A postcard will be sent to you to verify that your order and check were received and to remind you of the pick-up place and time.

If you have any questions, please call Dianne Johnson (H# 458-4369), Sue Smith (H# 256-7986), or Sue Jones (H# 721-0819). **Your order and check must be received by October 20.**

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# of 50-lb. bags premium mix	_____ X	\$14	@	=	_____
# of 10-lb. bags thistle/niger	_____ X	\$13	@	=	_____
# of 25-lb. bags safflower	_____ X	\$13	@	=	_____
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(Mail early to ensure receipt of order by October 20--THANKS!)

AUDUBON ADVENTURES



The Education Corner

Audubon Participates in Greentree Festival

by Mary Smith

St. Louis Audubon's booth at the Greentree Festival in Kirkwood Park on September 16 and 17 was a great success! Saturday was rainy and overcast, but there were still good crowds. Sunday was sunny and beautiful, and the crowds were even bigger!

We had the opportunity to speak with many people about birds and other animals, handed out loads of literature, and sold our promotional items. Sales amounted to \$231, and we gained 2 new memberships. The glass mounts that Bill Brandhorst encased for us drew many passers-by to our booth; the wolf spider was a particular favorite of the children.

Our sincere thanks to all the people who volunteered their time and talent to this effort:

Mary Dueren
Jim Jennings
Dianne Johnson
Stan McLean
Mary Lou Miller
Arthur Montgomery
Janice Patton
Bill, John & Mark Salsgiver
Mary Smith
Sue & Tim Smith
Ken Tenner
Dave Tylka
Nadine Varner
Betty Williams

We will be having a **Booth Training Open House** at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, November 8, at the 325 N. Kirkwood office, for anyone interested in helping with our booth in the future. If you've worked in the booth, please come to help train others. If you would like to help at booth events and feel you don't know enough about Audubon or wildlife, let us show you how fun and easy this activity is. For more information, please call Mary Smith, H# 949-7871.

Many Educators Attend Resource Center Network Open House

by Mary Lou Miller

On September 21 the Resource Center Network held its open house in the classrooms at Powder Valley Nature Center from 3 to 5:30 pm. Approximately 75 teachers and educators attended and viewed displays and information on educational materials and programs Network members provide to area educators.

The Network membership has grown so much in the past year that 2 large classrooms were made available for them. St. Louis Audubon had a large table filled with samples from our video library, books, membership information, *Audubon Adventures* sign-ups, and a drawing for 3 nature guides as door prizes. On the walls we displayed our many posters. We handed out copies of the popular population poster to middle and high school teachers.

On hand to talk to the attendees were 2 new volunteers, **Karen Turner** and **Chris Serbia**, and **Stan McLean** also answered questions and gave out information. Chris, Karen, and Stan took little time in taking things in hand and running the booth with no help. I took pictures of the event for later use by the Network. **Don Davis** added to our colorful display by dressing in a falcon costume. He delighted some of the children attending as well as the adults there. One other Network member from the University of Missouri at St. Louis came in costume also to advertise an Asian seminar the school is having this fall.

The Resource Center Network is a great group of people who are dedicated to education in our metropolitan area. Many have become good friends and have found someone to call if they have questions or would like to work together on a project. All in all, this open house was a very worthwhile day. Thank you to the people who helped make it a success.

Audubon Ecology Camp in the Rockies

by Larry Levinson

Elementary Teacher

Webster Groves School District

This summer I had the good fortune of attending the Audubon Ecology Camp in the Rockies through the generosity of the St. Louis Audubon Society. It is an experience I wholeheartedly recommend.

The campers come from all walks of life and represent half of the states. They share an interest in preserving the natural environment and enjoying the Wyoming wilderness. To complement a wonderful outdoor education program are the people who work at the camp. They are enthusiastic, knowledgeable, and friendly.

For those who enjoy birding, during most early mornings an instructor leads a group on a bird walk. In addition, there are courses about birds covering such topics as migration, reproduction, mating, and parenting.

Petroglyphs can be observed near the camp site.

Geology is taught through on-site investigations. The focus is on glacial mechanics, mountain building, erosion, and the impact of humans on the physical environment.

Some classes center on animals, in particular, the big horn sheep. This camp is the location of the sheep's winter habitat.

Through the study of the wetlands, campers learn how invertebrates have adjusted to this vicinity.

Flowering and nonflowering plants are studied in the context of their adaptability to the dry winds and freezing cold, characteristic of the camp's region.

Discussions are held that concern the relationship between humans and wildlife, the impact of the current world population on the environment, the competing demands for the limited resources of the western United States, and the process needed to contact local legislators about ecological concerns.

Experiences in nature drawing, storytelling, journal writing, canoeing, hiking, and floating on the Snake River in Grand Teton National Park round out this well organized and meaningful conservation program.

As a teacher, I intend to explore the out-of-doors at my school locale with my students.

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Sparkles of Green

by Melanie DePorter

(Editor's Note: Since our hummingbird viewing will soon be over in the Midwest for another season, you might enjoy one reader's contemplative look at a feeding hummingbird.)

In the silence of dawn, my ears awakened to a familiar sound, like a thousand bumble bees buzzing through the air. My eyes telescoped as the earliest hummingbird danced in front of my face. Was he expressing a greeting or assessing his safety?

The sun and my sight basked in the luminous green shadings of its tiny shapely body. Darting to the red feeder, the moment suspended enough to relish the ruby red gorget--reflected in the sun; a white breast, brownish edges on his wings, and a forked tail.

Its thinly tapered bill drilled into the feeder hole while its wings fluttered through sound. Within a glimpse, the ruby throated had tasted its delight and taken flight.

In the blink of an eye he returned for a triad of sips, choosing a different porthole for each course. How sweet the last billful must have been, feeding again for a double delight.

His last appearance--no sips did he choose. His wings echoed as soft propellers while he made his decision. As he left, he sang two of the softest chirps--as soft as his beauty.

Feeding at sunrise had satisfied his palate and mine. We had both been nourished and time was now to move forward.

ST. LOUIS AUDUBON SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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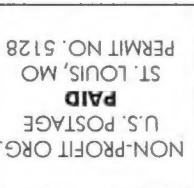
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